



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 894

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House Resolution No. 65

House of Representatives, May 30, 2007

The House Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the resolution ought NOT to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN
W.R., ET AL. V. CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES.**

Resolved by this House:

- 1 That the provision of the settlement agreement in the action W.R., et
- 2 al. v. Connecticut Department of Children and Families, United States
- 3 District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil Action No. 3:02CV429
- 4 (RNC), requiring an expenditure from the General Fund budget in
- 5 excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars and submitted by
- 6 the Attorney General to this Assembly for approval in accordance with
- 7 section 3-125a of the general statutes, is approved.

JUD *House Unfavorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	3,044,953	3,624,953

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This resolution accepts the settlement agreement in W.R., et al. v. Connecticut Department of Children and Families. This settlement is expected to cost the Department of Children and Families \$3,044,953 in FY 08 and \$3,624,953 in FY 09. Sufficient funds have been included in sHB 7077, as favorably reported, to support FY 08 costs. However, an additional \$487,453 will be required over amounts included within sHB 7077 for FY 09.

For purposes of calculating the state spending cap, expenditures for implementation of federal mandates or court orders are not to be considered general budget expenditures for the fiscal year in which such expenditures are authorized, but shall be considered as expenditures in the ensuing fiscal years. Therefore, new dollars appropriated each year (for that year only) as required in the settlement agreement shall be exempt under the spending cap.

The Out Years

The expenditure of \$3,624,953 is expected in FY 10. The settlement agreement expires 6/30/10.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

House Unfavorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (05/22/2007)